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## FACT SHEET

### Pastoral Engagement, Adaptation and Capacity Enhancement (PEACE)

#### OVERVIEW

The Livestock Early Warning System (LEWS) was developed for pastoral communities in east Africa and Mongolia to enhance their ability to handle the effects of changes in weather conditions. The Pastoral Engagement, Adaptation and Capacity Enhancement (PEACE) project is adapting this technology for use in Afghanistan and facilitating its implementation. Additionally, USAID promotes the development of the livestock sector by supporting policy planning, pastoral land-tenure conflict resolution, introduction of new technologies to improve rangeland management, and livestock production and marketing. The project also builds the capacity of government personnel responsible for planning and implementing livestock development and rangeland resource management.

#### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **LEWS:** Implement LEWS, enabling herders and decision makers to put in place mitigating measures to prevent or lessen the adverse impacts of drought
- **Livestock nutritional profiling system:** Generating information on forage quantity and quality to manage risk in the livestock sector
- **Livestock Market information system:** Providing market information on price and quantity at different locations giving livestock producers wider access to market opportunities to achieve a higher price for their animals
- **Pastoral conflict resolution and rural land tenure policy:** Enable stakeholders to resolve long-standing land-use conflicts resulting from open access to rangeland
- **Capacity building:** Train government personnel in the technologies for gathering and disseminating information

#### ACCOMPLISMENTS

- Conducted rangeland surveys in 15 provinces including important summer grazing areas
- Trained Kuchi leaders from 31 provinces in peace and negotiation methods
- Facilitated monthly meetings of Kuchi leaders in 13 provinces and disseminated information related to land and weather
- Trained more than 450 Kuchi and non-Kuchi leaders in joint peace-building workshops
- Solved more than 600 conflicts in six regions of Afghanistan with 52 PEACE Ambassadors
- Contributed to the development of the rangeland law on behalf of herders
- Developed e-learning modules for nutritional profiling technology
- Brought more than one million hectares of land under improved natural resource management
- Trained more than 1,300 individuals in natural resources management and biodiversity conservation
- Developed a website for information dissemination: <http://afghanpeace.org/>
- Provided access to livestock market prices and volumes from Kabul, Mazar, and Jalalabad through SMS messaging